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IN RE APPLICATION OF :
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FOR: COLOR SHIFT CORRECTING :
METHOD, OPTICAL WRITING DEVICE
AND IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS

PROVISIONAL ELECTION

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SIR:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated June 28, 2007, applicant provisionally elects the invention of Group I, identifying Claims 1-6 as readable on the elected invention. Applicant further provisionally elects Species I, shown in Figure 9, identifying Claims 1-6 as readable on the elected invention.

The Restriction Requirement is respectfully traversed based on MPEP §803, which states:

If the search and examination of all the claims in an application can be made without serious burden, the Examiner must examine them on the merits, even though they include claims to independent or distinct inventions.

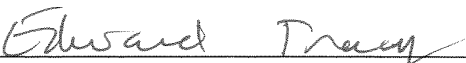
The claims of the present invention would appear to be part of an overlapping search area. Accordingly, the outstanding Restriction Requirement is respectfully traversed on the

grounds that a search and examination of the entire application would not place a *serious* burden on the Examiner.

Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the Requirement to elect a single invention be withdrawn, and that a full examination on the merits of Claims 1-36 be conducted.

Respectfully submitted,

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